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## BRAZIL.

*Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortuary statistics—Sanitary reports from Argentina and Chile—Plague, yellow fever, and smallpox in Brazil.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, December 9, as follows:

During the week ended the 3d instant the following vessels left this port bound for United States ports: On the 26th ultimo, the British steamship *Bardsey*, for Philadelphia, with a cargo of manganese, no passengers, no change of personnel of crew while in port here; on the 30th ultimo, the British steamship *Queen Olga*, with a cargo of manganese ore, for Philadelphia, with no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while here; on the 3d instant, the British steamship *Roman Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers of any class, and with no change in the crew personnel while here, and on the same date, the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 3 first-class and 2 steerage passengers for the United States, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in port.

No other vessels left this port for the States during the period under consideration.

*Sanitary reports from Argentina and Chile.*

A dispatch of date of the 29th ultimo from Buenos Ayres states that there was on that date one new suspected case of bubonic plague in Tucuman.

A dispatch from the same city of date of the 4th instant says that certain cases suspected of being bubonic plague have appeared at different points in Pampa Central. A physician of the Public Health Service is there at this time.

On the 6th instance a telegram from Buenos Ayres states that it is reported that the plague has appeared in Cordoba. The same dispatch states that a person in Salta has also taken this disease and has been removed by the sanitary authorities to the isolation infirmary.

One dispatch of date of the 8th instant states that a case of bubonic plague occurred on the Steamer *Weybridge*, which was on her way from Buenos Ayres to London. Also, that on the same date certain new cases of plague occurred in the province of San Juan, in the cities of Valles and Calchaqui. A dispatch of date of the 9th instant states that there has been considerable abatement in the epidemic of variola in Santiago, Chile.

During the month of November, 1904, there were registered in Buenos Ayres a total of 2,639 births, 1,305 deaths, and 542 marriages. Causes of death not given in the report.

A telegram of date of the 30th ultimo states that the Chilean Government has declared that the outbreak of plague in Iquiqui was at that date extinct. On the 2d instant, however, 1 new suspected case of plague was discovered in Santiago, and on the same date a later telegram confirms this case as true plague, a fulminating form, causing death in less than eight hours, and accompanied by very high fever.